

PLEASANT EVENING SURPRISE.

Happy Gathering at the Handsome Home of P. H. Rolfs Monday.

Not least among the enjoyable occasions of the season, and rivaling the best, as evidenced by the report of those who constituted the surprise party given Mrs. P. H. Rolfs, at her home, 510 West Main street, in honor of her birthday, Monday evening, has proved to be the one given her by the members of the Experiment Station staff. Many came, and many went away feeling that their hostess is fully equal to all occasions where the pleasure of her guests is uppermost in her thoughts.

The surprise party, planning beforehand and thoughtfully prepared several interesting contests for the evening. Mrs. Rolfs proved to be the successful one in the chief contest, winning a beautiful China sugar bowl and creamer. Other prizes were won by exhibits of skill, but let us here mention the delicious refreshments that were served—ice cream, saucers heaping with cake, "like mother used to bake," and many other good things to eat.

After declaring one and all that the evening had been a most pleasant one, and one to be remembered, the guests made their hostess adieu and sought regions of twinkling stars and the radiance of Luna in her silvery shadows.

THE MURRAY COMEDY CO.

Will Begin Three-Nights' Engagement Here Thursday.

The ever-popular Murray Comedy Company will open a three-nights' engagement at the opera house Thursday, February 20th, and will present for their opening play a beautiful four-act comedy-drama, a well-related story which has a fine-developed plot full of the most novel ideas and surprises, liberally interspersed with comedy touches to relieve the tears which now and then gather at the many touches of "pathos." There is at no time any lack of stirring events to keep the audience at a high pitch of excitement. The usual lady free tickets will be used on the opening night. Any lady admitted free with a paid ticket, if purchased before 6 o'clock.

J. A. King's Misfortune.

Capt. J. A. King of Orange Heights was in the city on business Tuesday.

Mr. King's friends will regret to learn of his misfortune, one of his sons having been consumed by fire three nights ago. Fortunately, however, there were no products in the immediate vicinity, which probably saved a much larger loss.

King states that the farmers on the East End are now busy with crop stands, and from present indications there will be the largest crop of diversified crops seen in this section of the county for many years.

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SENATOR BEARD ENCOURAGED

Candidate for U. S. Senate Thinks His Chances Good in Alachua County.

Senator John S. Beard, candidate for the United States Senate, who has been in this section since Friday in the interest of his campaign, returned Tuesday morning from High Springs, where, on Monday evening, he addressed a large and representative audience on the questions of the day.

Senator Beard also spoke at Alachua, and was greeted by a good crowd. He left Tuesday afternoon for Micanopy, where in the evening he was to address an audience.

This distinguished candidate states that he feels greatly encouraged over his reception in Alachua county, and believes he will poll a good vote at the coming primary.

A LONG JOURNEY.

J. F. Burnett Summoned Over 2,000 Miles to Give His Testimony.

J. Fletcher Burnett left yesterday on a long journey, having for his destination Miles City, Montana.

This is an important trip, Mr. Burnett having been summoned as a witness in an important murder case which he was unfortunate enough to witness in Miles City a few months ago, in which an Italian is charged with having stabbed to death another man.

Mr. Burnett's testimony in this case must be of great importance, since he has been summoned to travel a distance of more than 2,000 miles.

MR. LYNCH TO TAMPA.

Will Attend Meeting of Florida Association of Postmasters.

Postmaster L. C. Lynch expects to leave today for Tampa, where he goes to attend the annual meeting of the Florida Association of Postmasters, which will convene in the South Florida metropolis Thursday morning. This association, embracing all the classes in postoffices in the State, has a large membership, and a large attendance is anticipated.

Delightful Valentine Party.

In some manner The Sun reporter overlooked the Valentine party given by the Young People's Society of the First Presbyterian church at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Matheson, East Union street, Friday evening. This was probably due to the fact that a half dozen or more entertainments of a social nature transpired the same evening, and it is hoped this explanation will prove satisfactory.

This proved to be one of the most largely-attended as well as most enjoyable functions of its kind for some time. A large number of the young folks were present, and the evening was passed in music and games, handsome and appropriate Valentine souvenirs having been distributed during the evening.

Delightful refreshments of sandwiches and hot chocolate were served, and at a late hour the guests departed, with assurances of highest appreciation for the hospitality extended by the Matheson household.

Tuesday Morning's Marriage.

A marriage was solemnized in the office of County Judge Mason Tuesday morning, the ceremony being performed by the dignified Judge.

The contracting parties were Joseph M. Manning, a well-known young man of Jacksonville, and Miss Ella Parrish.

The happy young couple received the congratulations and best wishes of those present, after which they left on a short honeymoon.

THE CANDIDATES.

Three Democrats Formally Announce for County Offices.

Perry G. Ramsey of Wacahoota formally announces his candidacy for sheriff in today's Sun. Mr. Ramsey was for several years a member of the Board of County Commissioners, voluntarily retiring a few years ago. He discharged his duties in that office faithfully and efficiently, and should he be nominated and elected to the important office of sheriff he would never be found derelict in the discharge of the duties incumbent upon him. He is well qualified for the office and has hosts of friends who will earnestly support his candidacy.

J. F. Townsend announces his candidacy for re-election as County Commissioner from district No. 5. Mr. Townsend has been a faithful and efficient member of the board from that district for a number of years, and should he be re-elected the people will have no cause to regret it.

R. B. Weeks (Uncle Bob) again asks the Democrats of district No. 1 to vote for him as a member of the School Board, and no matter who may oppose him a large number of them will rally to his support. No man in the county manifests a deeper interest in education than he does, and for a number of years his colleagues on the board have shown their confidence in him by successively electing him as their chairman.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Three Civil Cases Tried and Others Disposed of Tuesday.

The special term of the circuit court convened at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, Judge J. T. Willis presiding.

The first case to come before the court was that of the Georgia Supply Co., a corporation, vs. J. P. Lynch, damages. A jury was called and sworn, testimony submitted, a verdict returned in favor of plaintiff in the sum of \$373.52.

The case of the Cudaby Packing Co., a corporation, vs. S. F. Brooks, assumpsit, was tried by jury and a verdict of \$122.63 was awarded the plaintiff.

The next case was that of The Malsby Company, a corporation, vs. H. M. Owens, replevin, when the jury brought in a verdict to the effect that plaintiff retain possession of property levied upon, and judgment for costs, \$28.84.

Several cases were referred and continued, after which court adjourned until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The jury for the week is as follows: Geo. R. Ellis, E. K. Fagan, P. Y. Smith, J. T. Shaw, H. D. Lewis, S. J. Burnett, H. C. Roth, G. W. Hart, O. P. Cannon, H. P. Holstein, H. L. Owens, J. B. Dell was summoned, but was excused by the court.

Successful Fox Hunt.

Sheriff Fennell and Arch Jackson, the veteran fox hunters, participated in a successful hunt a short distance east of the city Monday night, capturing a very fine animal, after an exciting chase.

These gentlemen enjoy the sport very much, and frequently invite a number of their friends.

Don't Put Off

Until tomorrow what you can do today. If you are suffering from a torpid liver, or constipation, don't wait until tomorrow to get help. Buy a bottle of Herbine and get that liver working right. Promptness about health saves many sick spells. Mrs. Ida Gresham, Point Test, writes: "I used Herbine in my family for six years, and find it does all it claims to do." Sold by W. M. Johnson.

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NEWBERRY ITEMS.

Entertainment Saturday Night for Benefit of Baptist Church.

Newberry, Feb. 18.—Mrs. E. A. Groff left Saturday morning for Dallas and Bradenton, where she will spend two weeks as guest of her sons, J. C. and O. D. Groff.

Mrs. Geo. Pickett and sister, Elouise Smith, returned Sunday from the Fair at Tampa. They report a fine time.

Mrs. Lonnie Studstill of Coleman is spending the week here, the guest of relatives.

Mrs. Bryant Smith left Thursday for Tampa, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Price, and together they will take in the Fair.

Mrs. Marvin Cain is home from a week's visit at Worthington Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Burke left Thursday for Jeffersonville, Ga., where they will spend a week visiting relatives.

On Saturday night, February 25th, the Newberry Dramatic Club will present the play, "All a Mistake," at Ruff's Opera House. The proceeds will go towards painting the Newberry Baptist church, and as the cast is an exceptionally strong one the house should be crowded. Everybody is cordially invited to turn out and help a worthy cause.

Mr. Chapman Will Lecture.

A treat is in store for us on the evening of Tuesday, March 3rd, when an illustrated lecture on the bird life of Florida and the Bahamas will be given by Mr. Frank M. Chapman, the widely famed ornithologist. Mr. Chapman, as associate curator in the American Museum of Natural History, New York, has traveled to many sections in search of material for his various books and lectures on this most interesting subject of bird life and it will be our rare privilege at this time to hear Mr. Chapman in Gainesville. The lecture will be held at the opera house, under the auspices of the Guild of St. Elizabeth, Holy Trinity church. Tickets 50 cents.

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